Reliability and Security Of Mail Systems

Scalability, Redundancy, Resilience, Recovery, Security

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Part I

Mail System Reliability And Scalability

Part 1: Mail System Reliability And Scalability

Reliability Considerations (No Noticable Impact)

- Reliability Considerations (Minor Noticable Impact)
 - Mx Records Redundancy

Reliability Considerations (No Noticable Impact)

What Can Fail Without Any Noticable Impact

- Redundant Mail Servers
- Redundant Mail Access Servers
- Redundant DNS Servers

Reliability Considerations (Minor Noticable Impact)

Mail Box Storage

Mx Records Redundancy

Internet Mail System Is Designed To Take Hits. Hits Should Have Minimal Impact.

Part II

Scalability, Distribution And Recovery

Part 2: Scalability, Distribution And Recovery

3 By* 's Model Of Distribution Of Domains

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Segmenting the roots of your mail domain lets you fundamentally divide the user base.

Part III

Class Activities

Part 3: Class Activities

- Accessing Your Accounts On ByStar Mail Server
 - Your Domains, Your Account+Passwd
 - ByStar Mail Server Basic Tests

- Bash Scripting MailBot and MailInjector Exercises
 - mailInjector.sh Evolution
 - mailBot.sh Evolution
 - Offlineimap + notmuch

Your Domains, Your Account+Passwd

- smtp.first.1.last.byname.net imap.first.1.last.byname.net
- Your account is the first field in the /etc/passwd file that was emailed
- Your passwd was emailed to you

ByStar Mail Server Basic Tests

- ping smtp.first.1.last.byname.net
- From Your Bellevue College Account Send Messages To main@first.1.last.byname.net
- Submit Server Tests Against smtp.first.1.last.byname.net

mailInjector.sh Evolution

- cd 7isit442
- mv mailInjector mailInjector.20160223
- cp -r -p /opt/public/osmt/bin/mailInjector .

mailBot.sh Evolution

- Top-Down Design, Bottom-Up Implementation
- Managing Complexity, Cohision, Consistency mailInjector.sh
- Panel.org Omni-Available Features
- lim Omni-Available Features
- Bashing Procedural vs Functional Vs Object-Oriented

Offlineimap + notmuch

- Hit Your ByStar Imap Account With offlineimpa
- run notmuch on your locally synched messages

Part IV

Assignments

Part 4: Assignments

Review Of Last Week's Assignments

Next Set Of Assignments

Review Of Last Set Of Assignments

- Work On Your Own Full Mail Processing Loop:
 - Use mailInjector.sh to send out a pdf attchamnet to your ByStar account.
 - Use offlineimap to automatically retrieve that message.
 - Use mailBot.sh to disect the pdf message into its original pdf file.
 - Print out a command that would have printed that pdf file.
 - Make it such that all of the above can be automated repeatedly.

Next Set Of Assignments – Final Exam (Due 3/21)

Write a high level description of steps involved in:

- Transitioning From One Mail System To Another
 - Assume User Base of 500. 1000 Mailboxes.
 - 6 hour Window to implement the transition.
 - Old and New DNS is under your control. What will you do to old and new.
- Transitioning From On-Site Mail System To A Cloud Base Service
 For each step specify details.